



Vista Del Lago Newsletter #27 June 2008

Welcome new board members.....(the fireworks are in celebration)

First a thank you to the outgoing board members, Bob Dreisbach, Dave Sneesby, Dick Groendyke, Larry Newland and me. The out-going board members did a really great job holding the fort down last year with the help of some very committed committee members. Four of the five board members decided to retire and Dave Sneesby agreed to run for the new board.....thanks Dave!!

During the meeting, two additional residents threw their names in the proverbial nomination hat. Once the names were collected, we had seven candidates. The association members (you) cast your votes and we ended up with a really superb group of people to serve on our new board. In case you were not able to attend the meeting, or have not read one of the multitude of meeting minutes I emailed out (some unsuccessfully), I will be happy to introduce your new board:

Dave Sneesby-President (formerly our V.P.)

Jenny Sharpe-Vice President

Emily Bachel-Secretary

Joe Blackmore-Treasurer

Jeff McCann-Member At-Large (we still don't know what that means!!)

Please join me in welcoming them as your new board and please extend them the necessary courtesy in the event they have to speak to you about a non-compliance issue.

All regular board meetings will be held on the first Saturday of the month, at 9:00am, in the clubhouse, from April through October. These meetings are open to association members, but are officially closed meetings in terms of association members participating in discussion. The board may elect to seek input from those in attendance and may open up a discussion at the end of their meeting. Please be respectful of their need to conduct their meetings and do not interrupt the meeting with comments, unless called upon by a board member.

New committee members.....

We posted the sign up sheets for the various committees and I am pleased to announce we have quite a few new and experienced committee members. It is not too late to sign up. If you are interested in serving on a committee, but didn't sign up at the meeting, please contact Secretary Emily Bachel (xxx@xxx.xxx) and she will get you on the list and advise your board representative. If you are new to the park, the committees we have set up are:

- Finance Committee-Board representative Joe Blackmore
- Building and Grounds-Board rep Jenny Sharpe
- Architectural Committee-Board rep Jeff McCann
- Social Committee-Board rep Emily Bachel
- Membership Committee-Board rep Dave Sneesby

Some of the committees meet formally, at pre-arranged meetings. Other committees meet informally.....sometimes in the middle of the street, or hanging out at the pool. Nonetheless, each committee does important work and the board would not be able to get everything done that needs to be done without their assistance.

Annual yard sale fundraiser.....\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

We will be holding our annual yard sale/fundraiser event on Saturday, July 5th, from 8:00am until noon. The money raised at the event goes towards purchasing patio furniture, umbrellas, recreation equipment, etc. Our fund is all but depleted, due to the recent purchase of more patio tables and chairs (thanks Jeff and Rita). It would be nice to re-load our fund for this year. If you have items you would like to donate, please price them ahead of time, if possible. If you will not be able to attend the yard sale, but have items to donate, please leave them in the laundry room or downstairs portion of the clubhouse.

If you are interested in helping with the sale, please let me know. I will need helpers to set up, clean up and sell. If you have grocery bags, please donate a few to the sale for our customers who make large purchases!

We will begin setting up about 6:30am. Items left after the sale is over need to be picked up by their owners, so we don't get stuck with a bunch of stuff.

No dumping.....

President Dave mentioned at the POA meeting that he is going to haul all the left over construction debris that has been dumped on the side of the Boat/RV parking lot to the dump. Do not dump any more construction debris. You are responsible for disposing of the items yourself. In addition, he asked that residents do not dump any more dirt on top of the lot. The dirt that is there will have to be smoothed out or removed. Do not dump anything else there either, including your lawn clippings or sod. This is a common area and when you dump there, you are dumping on someone else's property. Point made I hope.

Pickle ball anyone?

A big thank you to Jim Baker for getting the city to provide us with a pickle ball court. It seems that the pickle ball craze has taken over. For those of you who are not in the know, pickle ball is a game similar to tennis, but uses a whiffle-type ball and a paddle, which is a little bit larger than a ping pong paddle. The game is played on a court, similar to a tennis court. It is a little slower in pace, so it is not as strenuous as tennis, but is a real hoot to play. Anyway, Jim did some research and discovered it would be about \$4,000 to install a pickle ball court. He decided that was a bit much for our pocket book these days, so he went to the City of Manson Parks Department for help. Jim was able to persuade them into painting a pickle ball court onto the existing basketball court at the park, which is accessible by the back gate from VDL. The city is going to purchase a net and stanchions to hold the net. If we need equipment for the game, we should be able to buy the necessary items using the proceeds from the garage sale. Way to go Jim, good job for thinking outside of the box and involving the city!!

Boat/RV Parking.....

If you currently have a parking space for your boat or RV, you must fill out a new form with your contact information and return it to Heidi Hodgson no later than July 1st. The fee for the parking space is \$100 and must be turned in with your form. Failure to do so may result in the loss of your parking space. As of the June 7th meeting, Heidi had 7 people on a waiting list. If

you had a space last year and do not need it this year, please let Heidi know so she can get it re-assigned to a needy person. You may contact Heidi at xxx@xxx.com.

Selling your home or property???

If you are selling your home or property in VDL, I would be happy to include it in the newsletter. If you are interested in posting your info for other residents to see, please send me your contact information, as well as a description of what you are selling (park model, lot, etc). If you are selling a park model/resort home, include the brand, year, etc. I will post all property for sale at the bottom of the newsletter. Sometimes your neighbors are your greatest source of advertisement, so why not share the details?! Send your info to xxx@xxx.com

That's about it for now. Although I have retired from my board member position, I will continue to publish the newsletter. If you would rather not receive the newsletter, please send me a quick email stating your desire and I will remove you from the list.

If you have information you would like to share, please forward it to me and I will be happy to include it in the next edition. Until then, enjoy the sun and see ya at the pool!!

-Leslie Burns